



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2001
Committee Statement
LB 234

Hearing Date: 02/13/01

Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications

Introducers: (Cudaback)

Title: Restrict the use of a cellular telephone while operating a motor vehicle

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

6	Yes	Senators Jones, Baker, Robak, Dw. Pedersen, Hudkins and Bromm
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No

Present, not voting

2	Absent	Senators Byars and Brown
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Proponents:

Senator Jim Cudaback
Barbara Otto
Richard Schmeling
L. B. Scott
LaVon Crosby
Rosalind Morris
John Spence

Representing:

36th District
Private Citizen
Private Citizen

Opponents:

Joe Schuele
Kent Popken
Bob Skochdopole
Deonne Bruning
Chris Perrone
Paul O'Hara
Barry Counts
Korby M. Gilbertson

Representing:

Alltel
Qwest – Wireless
Verizon Wireless
AT&T
Sarpy County Attorney
Alliance of Automobile Manufactures
Sprint
Nebraska Realtors Association

Neutral:

Laurie Klosterboer

Representing:

Nebraska Safety Council

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Prohibits use of a cell phone by non-emergency personnel for non-emergency reasons while driving a motor vehicle. This includes hands-free use, and would make violation a Class 3 misdemeanor. Requires the Department of Roads to collect on accident forms information about cell phone use during accidents, and requires publication of the statistics collected.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Curt Bromm, Chairperson